

In the Specification

Please refer to the attached sheets showing a marked up version of the amendments to the specification.

Please delete the paragraph that begins on page 11, line 27 and replace such paragraph with the following:

Q¹ FIGURE 2 illustrates details of the transport router 60 in accordance with one embodiment of the present invention. In this embodiment, the transport router 60 comprises a simple port group 50 and acts as a single network element within a customer's autonomous network.